

2020-21 Fee Schedules

(c) The annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from confined animal facilities shall be based on the following schedules. If a facility contains animals that fit multiple fee categories, the fee will be based on the number of animals in the category that results in the highest fee.

Dairies – Mature Dairy Cattle or Water Buffalo

Number of Animals	Fee
3,000 or more	\$15,622
1,500 to 2,999	\$9,763
700 to 1,499	\$4,686
300 to 699	\$2,343
150 to 299	\$1,172
50 to 149	\$586
0 to 49	\$0

Feedlots – Cattle or Cow/Calf Pairs

Number of Animals	Fee
100,000 or more	\$11,718
10,000 to 99,999	\$5,858
5,000 to 9,999	\$3,121
1,000 to 4,999	\$1,562
100 to 999	\$782
0 to 99	\$0

Feedlots – Calves

Number of Animals	Fee
10,000 or more	\$5,858
5,000 to 9,999	\$3,123
1,000 to 4,999	\$1,562
300 to 999	\$782
0 to 299	\$0

Feedlots – Heifers

Number of Animals	Fee
10,000 or more	\$11,718
5,000 to 9,999	\$5,858
1,000 to 4,999	\$3,123
300 to 999	\$1,562
137 to 299	\$782
0 to 136	\$0

Feedlots – Auction Yards

Number of Animals	Fee
1,000 or more	\$3,123
300 to 999	\$1,562
100 to 299	\$782
0 to 99	\$0

Dairies – Goat Dairies

Number of Animals	Fee
1,000 or more	\$1,562
550 to 999	\$782
0 to 549	\$0

Hogs – Swine (≥ 55 Pounds)

Number of Animals	Fee
5,000 or more	\$5,858
2,500 to 4,999	\$3,123
750 to 2,499	\$1,562
150 to 749	\$782
0 to 149	\$0

Hogs – Swine (< 55 Pounds)

Number of Animals	Fee
20,000 or more	\$5,858
10,000 to 19,999	\$3,123
3,000 to 9,999	\$1,562
300 to 2,999	\$782
0 to 299	\$0

Horses

Number of Animals	Fee
500 or more	\$3,123
150 to 499	\$1,562
75 to 149	\$782
0 to 74	\$0

Sheep or Lambs

Number of Animals	Fee
10,000 or more	\$3,123
3,000 to 9,999	\$1,562
550 to 2,999	\$782
0 to 549	\$0

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Poultry

Number of Animal Equivalent Units (AEU)	Discharges with Low Threat to Water Quality ²⁹	All Other Discharges
2000+	\$2,735	\$7,810
700 - 1,999	\$1,953	\$3,907
300 - 699	\$1,367	\$2,930
10 - 299	\$782	\$1,562
2 - 9	\$391	\$782
0 - 1	\$0	\$0

Animal Count to Animal Equivalent Unit (AEU) Conversion Matrix

Animal Type	AEU Multiplier	Number of Animals per AEU ³⁰
Turkey	0.0150000	67
Duck	0.0080000	125
Chicken – Broiler	0.0050000	200
Chicken – Layer	0.0040000	250
Guinea Fowl	0.0035000	286
Pheasant	0.0027500	364
Pullet	0.0024000	417
Squab	0.0015000	667
Chukar	0.0012500	800
Quail (Japanese)	0.0003750	2,667
Hatchery Chick (day old)	0.0000938	10,661

(1) Facilities that are certified under a Quality Assurance Program approved by the state board or under a County regulatory program approved by the appropriate regional board, will receive a 50 percent fee reduction. Any facility that is issued a notice of violation by a regional board for an off-property discharge shall not be eligible to receive this fee reduction for a minimum of one billing cycle, and for all subsequent billing cycles until recertification and all corrective actions are complete as determined by the regional board.

(2) Facilities that pose no potential to discharge, as determined by a regional board, shall pay a fee of \$200. The fee shall be paid each time an application for initial certification or renewal of certification is submitted.

²⁹ These fees apply to discharges from poultry operations that are identified as posing a “low threat to water quality” in the applicable waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements.

³⁰ Rounded to the nearest whole number

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(3) Facilities that are required to submit a report of waste discharge (ROWD) while the facility is under construction and remains so subsequent to the billing cycle will have the annual fee waived until the facility is in operation and animals are present at the facility.

(4) Facility closures that are required to maintain a permit until all requirements are met shall continue to be assessed a fee based at the same rate as when the facility was in operation.

(5) Facilities covered under a waste discharge requirement or waiver of waste discharge requirement that do not pay annual fees shall pay an application fee for initial coverage and renewals of coverage of \$200. The fee shall be paid each time an application for coverage or report of waste discharge is submitted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058, Water Code. Reference: Section 13260, Water Code.